

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2021*

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, due to President Biden's failure to address the crisis at the southern border, I was not present in the House and unable to vote on June 30, 2021.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 197.

## IN RECOGNITION OF ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2021*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Luke's Episcopal Church on the 150th anniversary of its first service at its edifice on Wyoming Avenue in Scranton, Pennsylvania. The occasion will be celebrated with a service and open house on Friday, July 2, 2021.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church was incorporated at its initial location on Penn Avenue in Scranton, Pennsylvania in 1852. Between 1850 and 1860, the city rapidly expanded and increased in population, and a larger building was needed to accommodate the faithful who gathered each week to worship. The Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company donated two lots in the 200 block of Wyoming Avenue for the new church. On July 5, 1866, the parish broke ground on its new building designed by top ecclesiastical architects Richard Upjohn and his son Richard Michell Upjohn in the Victorian Gothic style.

On July 2, 1871, the St. Luke's Rector, the Reverend Able Augustus Marple officiated the first service with the Right Reverend William Bacon Stevens, the Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, delivering a sermon titled "the Lord in his Holy Temple." The bishop administered the rite of confirmation during a second service that day. Congregants were in awe of the beauty of the new church, calling it "an ornament to the city."

An architectural marvel, the church has been a significant structure in the city's skyline for the past 150 years, towering above Wyoming Avenue in the heart of downtown. It has undergone several renovations throughout its history. In 1905, the Jermyn family gifted a new altar and reredos, improvements to the chancel, a new baptistry, and new decor in the nave in honor of vestryman John Jermyn. The altar, reredos, and window design were done by Louis Comfort Tiffany of Tiffany Studios in New York.

In 1898, Mary Throop Phelps funded the construction of the adjacent parish house in

memory of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Throop. The Throop Memorial Parish House followed the national tradition of Episcopal parishes dedicating a parish house to serve the community. St. Luke's provided a summer home for women and children, and under the direction of the then-rector Rogers Israel, the Parish House hosted the Girls' Friendly Society, the Boys' Industrial Society, and a free kindergarten.

Today, St. Luke's continues to grow and prosper under the direction of priest-in-charge, Reverend Rebecca Barnes. She worked with the parish to establish Cypress House at St. Luke's which offers social services in the greater Scranton area. The parish is dedicated to social justice initiatives and community outreach, and remains an open and welcoming Christian congregation with a tradition of musical excellence.

I am honored to join with Mother Barnes and the entire congregation to celebrate St. Luke's 150th anniversary on Wyoming Avenue. The parish has been an essential part of the Scranton community, providing support and respite for those who need it and an inclusive place for all to gather to worship. May St. Luke's continue to welcome the faithful to its historic building for generations to come.

## IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE N.E.W. COMMUNITY CLINIC

### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2021*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the N.E.W. Community Clinic as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

The N.E.W. Community Clinic serves Green Bay and the surrounding areas by providing quality, comprehensive and compassionate medical care to those who are underserved in our communities. The N.E.W. Community Clinic's mission is truly remarkable. Since the clinic's start on July 27, 1971, the N.E.W. Community Clinic has partnered with organizations throughout the Green Bay area. Given the exceptional quality care provided to patients, the N.E.W. Community Clinic has been recognized by several healthcare organizations for their work.

Over the last 50 years, the N.E.W. Community Clinic has substantially expanded, both in size and the services provided. In 1975, just 4 short years after their grand opening, N.E.W. Community Clinic gained the endorsement of the Brown County Medical Society and began working closely with all three local hospitals. In 1987, the clinic opened a second location with support from the community through several funding initiatives. Today, the clinic has five locations throughout the Green Bay area where they offer dental care, lead screening, and nutritional programs for individuals who are uninsured and underserved. To better serve the

communities throughout Green Bay, the clinic also takes walk-in appointments, issuing referrals to outside providers or medical facilities, as well as offering pediatric care.

For 50 years, the N.E.W. Community Clinic has upheld its mission of providing the best possible care to the people of Green Bay and Northeastern Wisconsin. Over 80 percent of the N.E.W. clinic patients stated that their immediate health care needs were met through their visit, and 45 percent of those patients stated that the clinic prevented them from going to the emergency room. I commend the very important work does and dedication that the N.E.W. Community Clinic has shown to the Green Bay area and Northeast Wisconsin.

I invite all members of this body to join me in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the N.E.W. Community Clinic. The N.E.W. Community Clinic is a true credit to Northeast Wisconsin and deserving of the highest degree of recognition.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF SGT. JOSEPH A. COX, JR.

### HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 1, 2021*

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Sgt. Joseph A. Cox, Jr. of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Four-plus years ago, tragedy struck when, on Sunday, February 12, 2017, Joe died unexpectedly while on duty. Prior to joining law enforcement, Joe was a combat veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Upon returning 10 civilian life, Cox joined the Allen County Sheriffs Department, where he would serve for 19 years.

As a sergeant, Joe served in the Confinement Division, Communications-Dispatch Center, Civil, Warrants, and Patrol Divisions. He was also a member of the Honor Guard, SWAT Team and was handler to his beloved K-9 partner, "Gunny."

In addition to his work in law enforcement, Joe was an active member of his community, the consummate family man and a devout Christian. He was a member of Blackhawk Ministries, where he participated in programs Double Exposure and Marriage Matters. He also volunteered with Juvenile Justice Ministry of Youth For Christ.

Today, we honor Joe's memory by way of the Sgt. Joseph A. Cox, Jr. Memorial Parkway, a roadway serving an area which Joe patrolled for nearly twenty years. This is a testament to Joe and his peerless devotion to his family, community, and country. He is missed dearly, and though he is no longer with us, his legacy of service and selflessness endures.

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